

MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

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TO : Chief, Materials Division

FROM : Chief, Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Branch

BRANCH: M/NF

Report for the Month of March 1958

I. Accomplishments

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- ✓ A. Completed the M/NF contribution to ORR Project 30.1864, "Estimated Production of Specified Industries in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1957 (USAF)."
 - ✓ B. Prepared the basic documentation for a personal service/research contract for FY 59 between ORR and [REDACTED], who is currently working on Russian language materials under M/NF's supervision while under contract to FDD.
 - ✓ C. Prepared detailed collection requirements for Polish defector DS-316 on certain nonferrous metals and minerals in Poland.
 - ✓ D. Reviewed and submitted a critique of CIA/RR LP 596 (ORR Project 10.1510), "Economic Development in Communist China under the First and Second Five Year Plans."
 - ✓ E. Prepared current requirements on the USSR's trade in nonferrous metals and diamonds for inclusion in the OCI Periodic Requirements List.
 - ✓ F. Participated in the preparation of an ORR response to a request from OCB on "Soviet Sales of Aluminum and other Metals in Western Markets."
 - ✓ G. Commented on an OSI article on "Chinese Communist Extraction of Pure Germanium."
 - ✓ H. Completed the M/NF contribution to ORR Project 48.1871, "Multilateral Economic Defense Policies, Controls, Enforcements, and Plans(EDAC)."
 - ✓ I. Completed the M/NF contribution to 00.2066, "Revision of the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook."

II. Program

The Branch program for FY 59 has been completed and reviewed by Ch/E. In addition to a large number of office-wide projects and several NIS's, the Branch's program includes a self-initiated area-wide project on copper trade of the Sino-Soviet Bloc and a self-initiated branch project on possible uses of nonferrous metals in the guided missiles program of the USSR.

III. Administration

- A. Staff additions -- Nothing to report
- B. Branch structure -- Nothing to report

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C. Training -- M [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] completed the Agency course "Economic Geography of the Sino-Soviet Bloc". 25X1A9a
 25X1A9a [REDACTED] is enrolled in the Agency's Intermediate Russian Reading Course.

SECRETIV. Comments

At the Branch Chief's meeting of 21 February 1958 I suggested that D/M branches cooperate in scanning Russian language periodicals. Such cooperation could decrease the obvious duplication of effort in the current practice of each branch scanning all periodicals received. I also suggested that such cooperation might be effective at the ERA level as well. Inasmuch as no further word has been received as to the results of this suggestion, I assume that it has been forgotten. If so, I would like to make the suggestion again. If not, what steps are being taken to implement the suggestion? In the meantime we are still scanning a large number of Russian language periodicals each week.

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